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OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012

HELD AT THE

OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY

1650 STATE ROUTE 56 SW

LONDON, OHIO 43140

MINUTES

I. OPENING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vernon Stanforth called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
Sheriff Thomas Maurer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Donna Long called the Roll.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth
Sheriff Thomas G. Maurer
Chief Ronald Ferrell
Sergeant Troy Mineard
Ms. Linda O'Connor
Chief Paul Denton
Colonel John Born

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Mr. Jeff Clark

Attorney General's Office

GUESTS AND STAFF

Captain Geoffrey Barnard	Cleveland Heights Police Department
Mr. Thomas Quinlan	Columbus Police Academy
Mr. Mike Crispen	Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy
Mr. Eric D. Landversicht	Ohio Department of Education
Mr. Ellis L. R. Willis	Sinclair College
Mr. Robert Fiatal	OPOTC Executive Director
Ms. Donna Long	OPOTC Secretary
Ms. Jill Cury	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Lori Wachtel	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Mary Broyles	OPOTC Staff
Mr. John Green	OPOTA Deputy Director
Mr. Justin Hykes	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Roger Le	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Aaron Coey	OPOTC Law Enforcement Training Officer
Ms. Mary Davis	OPOTC Deputy Director
Mr. Eric Schaefer	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Arienne Fauber	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Kem Dicken	OPOTA Staff
Ms. Sarah Thomas	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Scott Weimer	OPOTC Business Manager
Mr. Rick Meadows	OPOTA Law Enforcement Training Officer
Ms. Brittany Thompson	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Michael McGreevy	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Louis A. Agosta	OPOTA Deputy Director
Mr. Gregory Brillhart	OPOTC Staff

II. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Colonel John Born motioned that the minutes of the September 20, 2012, meeting be approved. Sheriff Thomas Maurer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed favorably.

Chairperson Stanforth commended Deputy Director John Green, who recently was a presenter at a training he attended. Many attendees walked away respecting him and acknowledging him as an OPOTA Staff member, as well as an attorney and former law enforcement officer. It was pleasing to see training at work.

That concluded the Chairperson Report.

III. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Chief Paul Denton
Committee Chairperson

Chief Paul Denton stated there was nothing to report. That concluded the Curriculum Committee Report.

IV. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Troy Mineard
Committee Chairperson

Sgt. Troy Mineard stated there was nothing to report. That concluded the Legislative Committee Report.

V. HOUSE COMMITTEE

Colonel John Born
Committee Chairperson

Colonel John Born stated he had two items for discussion. The first item is the 2013 OPOTC Meeting schedule. Colonel Born referred to Ms. Long for reading of the dates. The dates considered were January 17th, March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th and November 21st with all meetings starting at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION:

Colonel Born made the motion that 10:00 a.m. be set for each of the above dates for the 2013 OPOTC Meetings. Chief Ronald Ferrell seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Sheriff Maurer suggested that one meeting be held at the OPOTA Richfield campus to allow involvement and participation from that area. Colonel Born was in agreement with one meeting to take place at OPOTA Richfield. Mr. Fialal will arrange for the May 16th meeting to take place at the Richfield campus.

AMENDED MOTION

Colonel Born made the motion that the following dates for the 2013 calendar be approved: January 17th, March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th and November 21st. Meeting times will remain at 10:00 a.m. and the May 16th meeting will be held at the Richfield OPOTA campus. Sheriff Maurer seconded the motion. The motion passed favorably.

The second item was to recommend and motion for Sheriff Vernon Stanforth to serve another term as the OPOTC Chair position. Colonel Born stated that he discussed the matter with Sheriff Stanforth and with his approval, recommends the nomination.

MOTION:

Colonel Born made the motion that Sheriff Vernon Stanforth serves another term as chair for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission. Sheriff Maurer seconded the motion. With no discussion brought forth, Sheriff Stanforth abstained from the vote. The motion was passed by vote.

That concluded the House Committee report.

VI. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE Sheriff Thomas G. Maurer
Committee Chairperson

Sheriff Maurer stated that the Attorney General recently met informally with concerned parties regarding the CPT Hours and the Casino Funds. Revenues from the Internet Cafes are being considered as other means of revenue. At this time, things have returned to the Governor for the Legislators to try to move it. Meetings will be forthcoming between the Chief's Association, Sheriff's Association, FOP, the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's office on this matter.

Mr. Fiatal replied that the estimated revenue from the casino taxes is falling shorter than the projected amounts at the time of the constitutional amendment ballot decision. It is expected to be around \$5.3 million annually. The issues are on how the funds will be utilized; a small percentage of the funds go to the Ohio Department of Public Safety compared to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. Both the constitutional amendment and enabling statute direct the casino funds to OPOTA, not necessarily to the Law Enforcement Assistance Training Fund which funds the CPT program. The cost of one hour of CPT training is approximately \$700,000.00 per year. If the internet cafes are regulated as proposed to extract a receipt from their regulations, it could provide a funding source for continuing professional training for peace officers in our state.

Sheriff Maurer stated there was nothing further to report. That concluded the Continuing Professional Training Committee Report.

STAFF REPORT

VII. COMMISSION AND ACADEMY UPDATES Executive Director Robert Fiatal

Mr. Fiatal asked Justin Hykes to update the OPOTC on the Chief Craig appeal.

Mr. Hykes stated that two judges have recused themselves. Judge Robert Ruehlman will be residing over the hearing. There is a status conference call set for November 29, 2012 for all involved parties. The City of Cincinnati has filed a motion to intervene basically on the same grounds Chief Craig has been arguing.

Mr. Fiatal invited the OPOTC and guests to try the new simulators after the meeting. During the 2012 Law Enforcement Conference, ninety-nine law enforcement agencies requested mobile academy training.

Mr. Fiatal recognized Sheriff Thomas Maurer for service to the OPOTC. Sheriff Maurer's term will end on December 31, 2012. Sheriff Maurer was presented several OPOTA gifts and received a round of applause for his service and warm wishes for his retirement.

Chairperson Stanforth asked for a status update for Chief Paul Denton, Sheriff Thomas Maurer and Colonel John Born. Mr. Fiatal stated that the terms have been approved. Sheriff Maurer's last day will be on December 31, 2012. The BSSA has recommended Muskingum County Sheriff Matthew Lutz as his replacement, he has not been appointed at this time.

That concluded the staff report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Ms. O'Connor gave a Career-Technical Education update and passed out copies of the November 2012 CTE Update Newsletter. She referenced page two, where an update on the Ohio Human Trafficking for Cosmetology was listed. House Bill 262 requires Ohio Salons, including those in career centers, to post awareness information. Also, on page five there was an update on the new standards. Ms. O'Connor thanked Mary Broyles, OPOTC and Eric Landversicht, Ohio Department of Education for their work on the standards. Ms. O'Connor introduced Mr. Landversicht for an update.

Mr. Landversicht stated that it was a pleasure working with the OPOTC staff. The career field technical content standards have slimmed down in terms of what is being taught, basically focusing on what is needed to get the student ready for a career in law enforcement.

Mr. Landversicht promised Sheriff Maurer that there would be a section on empathy training, taking a good look at the victims when working with future students. Mr. Landversicht is very excited; the next step is course development. The next course that will be rolling out will be the Active Shooter Training. Ms. O'Connor asked for permission for a final draft to be sent to OPOTC to be distributed. Mr. Fiatal said he would assure go out.

Ms. O'Connor gave an update on the HB509: 911 Dispatchers /Telecommunicator Training, that bill doesn't have anything on training or certification. It is all about the equipment and processes for all the first responders. There will be a subcommittee on the Education and Training and they will deal with the House Bill 223 that is on hold, which is certification processed through the Department of Public Safety. She would like to assure the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission is on the committee.

Mr. Fiatal stated the OPOTC is in the process of developing a Human Trafficking course for dispatchers.

Chief Ferrell complimented the staff for their work on the Law Enforcement Conference Awards ceremony. Mr. Fiatal stated that 972 people attended the second day of the conference.

Mr. Fiatal shared with the OPOTC members that the 2013 Law Enforcement Conference would be held on October 29th and October 30th at the Hyatt.

That concluded the old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

There was no new business to report. That concluded the new business report.

X. GUEST FORUM

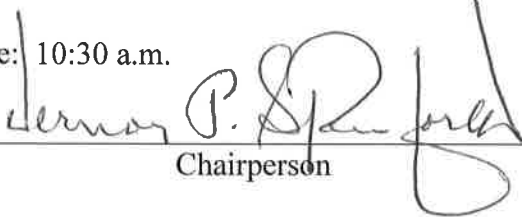
Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Chairperson Stanforth opened the meeting to public comments and/or concerns. None was forthcoming; concluding the guest forum.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Sheriff Maurer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sgt. Troy Mineard seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:30 a.m.



Chairperson

These transcripts are not verbatim. Audio recordings are available upon request.